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SUBJECT: KUWAIT EXPERIMENTAL FARM WISHES STUDY PLANT
STERILIZATION METHODS

1. SOMETIME AGO EMBASSY REPORTED ON INTEREST GOK DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN EMPLOYING SYSTEM TO PURIFY FOODSTUFFS GROWN WITH TREATED WASTEWATER. KUWAIT PRESENTLY RECYCLES 20 MILLION IMPERIAL GALLONS PER DAY AND WILL IN THE NEAR FUTURE DOUBLE CAPACITY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT. THIS WATER IS EXCLUSIVELY USED BY THE GOK'S EXPERIMENTAL FARM BUT HEY WOULD LIKE MAKE THE WATER AVAILABLE TO PRIVATE FARMERS. BEFORE DOING THIS THEY WISH BE SURE WATER IS FREE OF DISEASE CAUSING RESIDUAL BACTERIA AND GERMS. THEY HAVE WRITTEN US COMPANIES THEY BELIEVE CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH PROBLEM BUT HAVE THUS FAR HAD INDIFFERENT RESPONSE. AG DEPT'S PRESENT THINKING IS TO SET UP PLANT TO WASH AND STERILIZE THE VEGETABLES GROWN WITH THIS WATER. THEY ALSO WILLING MODIFY PRESENT WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY.

2. DIRECTOR AGRICULTURE, SALEM MANNA'I TOLD EMOFF HE WISHES SEND TWO MEN US TO STUDY SOME SYSTEMS PRESENTLY IN OPERATION TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS CAUSED BY TREATED WASTEWATER. HE HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO ASSIST HIM IN PLANNING TOUR WHICH MINISTRY WOULD PAY FOR.

3. REQUEST STATE OR USDA GIVE EMBASSY SOME INDICATIONS OF FACILITIES WHICH GOK REPS MIGHT VISIT. IF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NEEDED KUWAITIS HAVE PROVIDED US WITH DESCRIPTION THEIR WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM WHICH WE CAN MAKE AVAILABLE TO OFFICE TAKING ACTION THIS
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